



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

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For: 17-METHYLENE STEROIDS, PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS THAT CONTAIN THESE COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) 17-Methylene steroids according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein one of radicals R^{20} and R^{20a} means a hydrogen atom or a methyl group, and the other radical means a fluorine, chlorine or bromine atom, an azido, cyano or rhodano group or hydroxymethyl.

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4. (Amended) 17-Methylene steroids according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein R^{10} stands for a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.